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SPRING FESTIVAL COMING

Plans for the spring planting festival are well developed, according to Coordinator Linda Lee, who once again is general chair person.

She reports that about forty-five craftpersons have indicated they will attend, plus several music groups.

The festival is set for the usual dates, the third weekend in May, which this spring will be May 19 and 20. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Gate donation will be one dollar per person, children under 12, free. Food will be served at the food booth, and also barbecued chicken will be available.

The menu has been set as two types of sandwiches, ham and beans and cornbread, potato salad, choice of cobblers, coffee or lemonade. The barbecue building will offer chicken, rolls and applesauce.

This planting festival ushers in the summer season and hopefully will provide funds to carry the restoration work through for another year.

POLES FOUND FOR STAGE

The Village has secured through the efforts of Frank Skalski, Chief Ranger for the Little Miami River Scenic River park, a load of used utility poles for use in constructing seating for the stage area of the Village.

When the stage was built, there was neither time nor material for seating, but as use of the stage has increased over the years, a type of seating is now in order. This project has been added to the list of summer jobs.

KITCHEN SCREENING BUILT

Homer Marsh, Burnett Butterworth, George Wall, Stan Ireton, Joe Worley, and others have installed screening on the openings on the kitchen building through which food is served to the public.

The panels are built so as to allow the openings to be completely closed or slid up to allow food to be passed out. The screen panels are in response to a Department of Health requirement for improved sanitation in the food service area. Screen doors are also being added.

HAWKES TO MANAGE FOOD

The Village has the fortune to have Don and Dottie Hawke manage the kitchen for the spring festival. They have matters all organized and have already been there many days cooking for the volksmarsche and getting things in running order after the winter period.

Volunteers will be needed as usual on three-hour shifts for the festival.

MARSCHES FOOD SALES GOOD

Linda Lee reports that the volksmarsche held in the Caesar Creek Park on April 14 and 15 netted the Village \$555.71 gross food sales, plus \$70 from the store and \$8 from the Tollhouse.

Linda, Don and Dottie Hawke, and Edna Marsh did the cooking, and throughout the two days were helped by Frank Crabtree, Orin Schaal, Burnett and Kathryn Butterworth, Jim Merrick, Sharon Cunningham, Stan and Annabell Ireton, Joe and Miriam Worley, Thelma Hatfield, Harold and Katherine Smart, Dorothy Patton, Lucille Loer and others. Thanks to all!

THREE BY-LAWS CHANGED

At the April 17 meeting members voted on a by-law change that had been proposed sometime before, presented at the April 3 meeting, tabled and then clarified by Joe Hatfield.

Three changes were proposed and passed: 1, That annual meetings be held at the Village or other suitable, previously notified location (the original law specified the Village); 2, That proxy voting be clarified; and 3, That trustees be elected for three years instead of one and only three trustees be elected each year (previously, all trustees were elected each year, which was a hazard to continuity to the Village).

Following the meeting the trustees gathered to draw years of tenure. Results: Serving one year will be Burnett Butterworth, Thelma Hatfield, and Edna Marsh. Serving two years will be Stan Ireton, Annafrances Riddle and Joe Worley. Those serving three years will be Frank Crabtree, Don Richards and George Wall. At the annual election next spring, the one-year trustees only will stand for re-election.

MEETINGS BACK AT VILLAGE

Bi-monthly meetings are now again in the maintenance building for the warmer part of the year.

TOLL HOUSE DATES YET OPEN

Burnett Butterworth and Ethel Jefferis report that most of the dates through June are filled for keeping the Tollhouse on weekends.

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SANITATION A COSTLY JOB

During a discussion of the amounts and types of sanitation facilities to be needed for the summer activities at the Village at the last trustees' meeting, it was considered that the total bill for just care of sanitation for the summer will total about \$2,000!

This includes four portajohns, \$50 a month apiece for four months, rent of a dumpster, cost of hauling away refuse and pumping the three privies at the Village.

Restoration may be a volunteer activity, but maintaining a Village for the public can run into large amounts of money, even on a minimum service basis.

INSURANCE COVERAGE LISTED

Insurance covering the increasingly complex activities and facilities at the Village was recently awarded the Simpkins Insurance Co. of Middletown for \$2,569.00. This covers: Buildings for \$106,500; contents, \$35,000. Insured also are products from sales on the premises, food served there, persons involved in activities, moving of funds and a bond for the treasurer.

Simpkins represents the Erie Insurance Group and

the Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company. The policy is the same as developed last year by a special committee to develop a more complete coverage for the Village. It is also with the same insurer.

All funds for operating the Village come from volunteer effort and self-help money-raising -- a result of festival activities, membership funds, incidental services such as food served, store merchandise sold, and admission donations. Where major funds at one time went to construction, they are increasingly going to operating costs.

FESTIVAL BOOTH A SUCCESS

The Village enjoyed an active and busy booth at the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival the last weekend in March, selling candy, crafts, store items, and demonstrating and passing out information.

Becky Apostelos and Becky Siva quilted while others worked shifts the two days. They were, besides the Beckies, Linda Lee, Joe and Miriam Worley, Calvin St. John, Orin Schaal, Burnett and Kathryn Butterworth, Mic and Don Richards, Thelma Hatfield, Frank Crabtree, Calvin Purnell and others.

It marked the first weekend in weeks that the weather had cooperated.

DONATION CHARGE FOR STUDENTS

At a recent meeting it was decided to levy a donation of 25¢ per child for field trips that require a guide and require buildings to be opened and use of the picnic area and garbage collection facilities.

Unplanned field trips are more on the order of self-service at the Village.

Field trips for schools are becoming frequent and numerous whereas in the past there were only a few in a season.

SCHOOLDAYS MAY 2, 3 AND 4

The major activity the first week of May was the annual School Days. Linda Lee has been coordinating this project since the middle of March. Hundreds of youngsters learned about the Village and crafts that were demonstrated.

PURNELL PARTY SCHEDULED

A party for the Purnells who are moving to Michigan was recently held at the home of Frank Crabtree. Cal and Carol and their girls were all active volunteers and will be missed as they leave the area...

Cal has been transferred to a GM research facility at Warren, Michigan.